

SPODOPTERA EXIGUA. Hübner. W. CORNWALL, Mawnan Smith, 29.11.

SPODOPTERA LITTORALIS, Bdv. DORSET. Studland, 13.10.

HELICOVERPA ARMIGERA. Hübner (3). DORSET. Swanage, 13.10, female, ova infertile; Wareham, 17.10. N. HANTS. Sparsholt, 17.8, male.

HELIOTHIS PELTIGERA D. & S. S. DEVON. Lypstone, 28.9, few larvae on marigold. W. SUSSEX. Pagham, 12.10, three larvae on *S. viscosus*.

CHRYSODEIXIS CHALCITES Esp. (4). N. SOMERSET, Knowle, Bristol, 10/11.10, female, ova. GLAMORGAN. 8.10, St. Mary Church, female, ova, moths reared. S. ESSEX. Bradwell-on-Sea, 6/7.10, ova infertile. N. ESSEX. Dovercourt, 2.10.

SYNGRAPHA CIRCUMFLEXA L. S. HANTS. Sway, 29.7.

DIGITIVALVA PERLEPIDELLA (STAINTON). — As well as recording a further Kent North Downs locality for this species at Detling Hill, Nr. Maidstone on 3rd June 1979, a freshly emerged specimen was also captured at the identical locality on 28th August 1979, indicating an occasional second brood. — N. F. HEAL, Fosters, Detling Hill, Nr. Maidstone, Kent.

UNUSUAL FOOD OF ENNOMOS FUSCANTARIA HAWORTH. — A full grown larva of this species was found on an isolated Horse Chestnut tree in my garden at Lissington, Lincolnshire. — G. M. HAGGETT.

POLYGONIA EGEA CRAMER IN MALTA. — After 32 years, I once more came across this beautiful and rare butterfly in Malta, in a different locality from where it was seen and recorded for the first time in 1948 (see *Entomologist*, 81: 150), since when it had not been seen again on the island.

On the 5th February 1980, I went to Wied Il-Ghasel, Mosta, to take some pictures of the present pitiful state of this valley after the heavy rainfall of the 25th October 1979, when over seven inches of water in less than an hour flooded all the low-lying areas of the island. What a catastrophe! What a transformation! This locality, one of the best habitats of most of the species of lepidoptera and of the other orders of insects has been turned into a mass of boulders of every size and shape. It has been totally denuded of soil and consequently of all the existing vegetation except for the ubiquitous Cape Sorrel-*Oxalis pes-caprae* L. which managed to survive on the higher slopes of the valley.

It was after 10 a.m., when amidst this desolation I saw this unusual butterfly sipping the white flowers of an almond tree, which although shaken by the force of the rushing water and bent at an angle of some 60 degrees, still showed a good sign of survival. I was hardly two metres way from the butterfly and thus could see it perfectly well and recognise the species, having already seen it before on the wing at Wied Is-Sewda, Attard in 1948, as well as in Sicily in the spring of 1970, and in the summer of 1975. — A. VALLETTA, F.R.E.S., 257 Msida Street, B'Kara, Malta.